

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-474-E - ORDER NO. 94-946 ✓
SEPTEMBER 14, 1994

IN RE: Request of Duke Power Company for Approval) ORDER
 of Experimental Rate Schedule HP-X(SC)) GRANTING
 (Hourly Pricing for Incremental Load).) FURTHER
) MODIFICATIONS

On August 5, 1993, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) issued Order No. 93-701, which approved Duke Power Company's (Duke's or the Company's) Experimental Rate Schedule HP-X(SC), Hourly Pricing for Incremental Load for a two-year period, beginning September 1, 1993. Further, on March 14, 1994, this Commission issued Order No. 94-216, granting certain modifications proposed by Duke to the tariff.

The Company comes before the Commission requesting further modifications to this tariff. Presently, the tariff limits the maximum number of customers on the system to 10 to be served under Schedule HP-X(SC). Duke states its belief that this pilot program should be expanded from 10 to 30 customers due to additional interest in the pilot, and the need to gather data from a broad base of industries. Further, Duke requests an additional year's extension on the two years previously granted by this Commission. Duke believes that this additional year would contribute beneficially to information obtained from the pilot program.

In both Orders, 93-701 and 94-216, S.C. Code Ann., §58-27-870(F) was cited to show that the Commission may allow rates or tariffs to be put in effect without notice and hearing upon Order of the Commission when such rates or tariffs are for experimental purposes. The Commission, in Order No. 93-701, found that Schedule HP-X(SC) was experimental, and put the Schedule into effect without notice or hearing accordingly. Similarly, in Order No. 94-216, the Commission found that proposed modifications to experimental tariffs may be approved without notice and hearing pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., §58-27-870(F). Clearly, further modifications as proposed in the present proposal fall under the auspices of this statute, and accordingly, we believe that once again the Commission may approve such further modifications to the experimental tariff as are appropriate without notice and hearing.


The Commission has examined the request of the Company as outlined above and believes that the request is reasonable and should be implemented as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The further modifications proposed by Duke Power Company to Schedule HP-X(SC) are hereby approved as filed, as of the date of this Order.
2. The Company shall file ten (10) copies of the tariff as approved within ten (10) days of its receipt of this Order.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)